



## General

*"Every Child Can Learn... Every Child Must Learn"*

# Schools' Bulletin

**ATTENTION: REGIONAL DIRECTORS, SCHOOL BOARD CHAIRMEN AND PRINCIPALS  
OF ALL PUBLIC EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS**

**SUBJECT: EXTENDED SCHOOL CLOSURE**

**Dear Colleagues,**

The Ministry of Education, Youth and Information wishes to advise that the closure of schools has been extended effective Friday, **March 27, 2020 to Wednesday, April 8, 2020** after which schools will proceed on the Easter Holiday break with effect **April 9, 2020 to Friday April 17, 2020**. The scheduled resumption date is **Monday, April 20, 2020**.

Pursuant to bulletin # 52/2020 regarding Nutritional Support to PATH beneficiaries, please note that the Ministry of Labour and Social Security (MLSS) will provide cash grants to all beneficiaries of the Programme of Advancement Through Health and Education (PATH) in advance of the usual payment date. The disbursement will be paid on **April 3, 2020**. This will be followed by another early disbursement in **May 2020**.

This cash grants will be increased to include 50% of the value of the daily lunch subsidy that is normally provided at the primary level and 100% of lunch subsidy provided at the secondary level for eleven (11) days of school closure effective **March 13 - March 27, 2020**. The cash grants to be paid to parents by the MLSS in early **May, 2020**, will be increased to include 100% of the value of the lunch subsidy provided at the primary and secondary levels for the eight (8) additional days of school closure effective **March 30, 2020 to April 8, 2020**.

The Ministry will continue to provide nutritional support through Nutrition Products Limited (NPL) supplemented by meals provided by members of the private sector to students on the Programme of Advancement Through Health and Education (PATH) up to **March 27, 2020**. NPL will be distributing baked products, juices, milk and water for the primary schools. These will be distributed in collaboration with our schools, the Seventh Day Adventist Relief Agencies and ODPEM.

As we continue to operate in the Red Alert phase of the Education in Emergencies plan, Home Schooling remains paramount. To ensure that learning continues during the period of school closure, the Ministry has reengage its educational partners. Therefore, all the learning resources, programmes and initiatives will continue until further advised:

- Printing services are available in each region to support the preparation of printed materials, especially for those who may have challenges accessing the internet.
- Printed Learning Kits are available at the Regional Offices.

*Dr. Kasan Troupe, JP*  
*Chief Education Officer (Acting)*

-----*March 25, 2020*-----

- A PEP hotline has been activated to support questions related to PEP and other areas of education. (See contact list at the end of the bulletin) Psychosocial support is also available via this facility.
- Numerous resources uploaded to the Ministry's and PEP Websites.
- List of digital resources that were shared in bulletin # 53/2020
- TVJ live and rebroadcast lessons will continue to include lessons aligned to the CSEC, CAPE and City and Guilds syllabi entitled "School's not Out". Lessons are scheduled week days from 9:30 am to 12:00 noon and rebroadcast of the lessons on Saturdays from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm.
- Live and rebroadcast lessons will continue on Public Broadcasting Corporation of Jamaica (PBCJ). Please see the appended updated schedule.
- Online lessons are available on the One on One Learning Management System effective March 26, 2020 for Grades 1 - 13. Please see the schedule outlined in Bulletin #58/2020
- Online resources for Grade levels 1-3, 4-6, 7-9 are accessible from some of our educational partners via the following links:
  - Book Fusion- <https://www.bookfusion.com/>
  - Learning Hub - <https://learninghub.online/>
  - EduFocal - <https://www.edufocal.com/>
  - CHEETAH - <http://www.mydreamcheetah.net/pep.html>
- City and Guilds SmartScreen, which is a tutorial support tool specifically designed for English Skills #3850 and Math Skills #3850 is accessible to all students. Drop-box links with support materials in the form of eight (8) sets each of specimen papers and relevant mark schemes for Math and English each across all three (3) stages of Math and English Skills #3850, are also available.

Please see the following links to access the drop boxes for Math Skills, English Skills and Customer Service below:

1. [City & Guilds Math Skills Stage 1 Support Materials \(2019-2020\) \(Ctrl+Click\)](#)
2. [City & Guilds Math Skills Stage 2 Support Materials \(2019-2020\) \(Ctrl+Click\)](#)
3. [City & Guilds Math Skills Stage 3 Support Materials \(2019-2020\) \(Ctrl+Click\)](#)
4. [City & Guilds English Skills Stage 1 Support Materials \(2019-2020\) \(Ctrl+Click\)](#)
5. [City & Guilds English Skills Stage 2 Support Materials \(2019-2020\) \(Ctrl+Click\)](#)
6. [City & Guilds English Skills Stage 3 Support Materials \(2019-2020\) \(Ctrl+Click\)](#)

We value, applaud and encourage the continued innovations at the school level designed to ensure that no child is left behind. For additional information and support, please do not hesitate to contact your Regional Office:

<b>Names</b>	<b>Region</b>	<b>Telephone Number</b>
Mrs. Allison Cooke-Hawthorne	One	876 402-5468
Miss Janet Brimm	Two	876 564 -7168
Mrs. Sophia Forbes – Hall	Three	876 883-4698
Dr. Michelle Pinnock	Four	876 460-1168
Dr. Nadine Leachman	Five	876 425-5505
Mr. Barrington Richardson	Six	876 436-8449

***Dr. Kasan Troupe, JP***  
*Chief Education Officer (Acting)*

-----*March 25, 2020*-----